

ALL ABOUT THE NCLEX



- Where can I get the NCLEX Candidate Bulletin?

-The NCLEX Candidate Bulletin is now available online and available for download at:

www.pearsonvue.com/nclex

- How do I register to take the exam?

1. Submit your application and application fee (\$70) to the Washington State Nursing Commission **at least 60 days prior** to the expected date of graduation. {(Per WAC 246-840-040 (1)}
2. Next you must contact PearsonVue to register for the exam and submit the registration fee of \$200. There are 3 methods by which you may do this:

- a. On the Web:



www.pearsonvue.com/nclex

*Select the registration option.

*Answer each question as directed, use the Candidate Bulletin (PDF 912k) as a guide to answering the questions.

- b. By telephone:

1.866.496.2539



*Prior to calling have the mail in registration form completed.

*Payment methods: valid VISA, MasterCard, or American Express credit card.

*Have credit card ready when calling to register.

*Credit cards will be verified before registrations are processed. Delays may be encountered if credit cards cannot be verified.

- c. By Mail:



NCLEX Operations

PO Box 64950

St. Paul, MN 55164-0950.

****Note**** If you register by mail you must submit a certified check, cashier's check, or money order (made payable to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing) for \$200 in U.S. currency drawn on a bank in the United States

- How do I get my Authorization to Test (ATT)?

-After you have registered thru PearsonVue, the Washington State Nursing Commission will then make you *eligible* to test once we have received the certificate of completion or transcripts from your School of Nursing. PearsonVue will then supply you with your ATT.

- Can I call the Washington State Nursing Commission to get my test results?

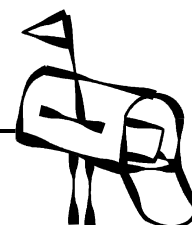
-The straight answer to this is, "No." This is in accordance with WAC 246-840-060 which states that candidates will be notified by mail only. Once an examination is given the Nursing Commission is inundated with hundreds of results. In an effort to issue licenses as quickly and efficiently as possible the licensing staff needs to focus on exactly that, issuing licenses. However, you should be able to check the Department of Health website at: www.doh.wa.gov under the "Provider Credential Search" 24-48 hours after taking the exam to see if your license has been issued.

- If I fail, how many times can I take the NCLEX?
 - If you fail the examination you may schedule a retest no sooner than **90 days** after the date of the last exam (Per WAC 246-840-070). In addition, you are allowed to retake the exam **3 times** within a 2 year period from the date of completion of your nursing program. Although you *will not* have to pay the Nursing Commission another \$70 fee, you *will* have to pay PearsonVue another \$200 fee each time you retake the exam.
- What is an acceptable form of identification?
 - The only acceptable forms of identification are listed below. **A candidate's identification must be printed in English language letters, must be valid and unexpired (clearly stated), and have a recent photograph and a signature signed in English.**
 - Valid (not expired) driver's license with photo and signature.
 - Valid (not expired) state/province identification (ID) card with photo and signature.
 - Valid (not expired) passport with photo and signature.
 - Valid (not expired) United States military identification with photo and visible signature, not imbedded.
 - Valid (not expired) National identity card with photo and signature (in English language letters).

No other identification is acceptable for admittance to the NCLEX examinations. Learner permits are not acceptable identification for admittance to the NCLEX examination. ID's from countries on the United States government's list of embargoed countries will not be accepted.

- Some additional measures of precaution taken before the exam:
 - Additional security measures that will be taken at the test centers include:
 - A digital fingerprint, signature and photograph will be taken at the test center and will accompany the candidates' examination result. A fingerprint, signature and photograph may be used to confirm a candidate's identity by the Nursing Commission with which they have applied for licensure.
 - **Candidates cannot be tested without having their fingerprint, signature and photograph taken.**
 - Candidates will be observed at all times while taking the examination. This observation will include direct observation by test center staff as well as video and audio recording of the candidate's examination session.

~Good Luck~



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